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## SWEPT BY FLAMES.

Whole Towns Entirely Destroyed by Fire.

### LOSS UP IN THE MILLIONS.

Several Thousand People Are Now Homeless and Suffering For Want of Food. Full Details of the Disaster Unobtainable, as All Communication Has Been Cut Off—Other Life Losses.

**DULUTH, June 19**—The result of a year of enterprise on the Mesaba range has been wiped out in a single day. Advertisements received here indicate that the towns of Virginia and Mountain Iron had been destroyed and that Bawabik was partially, if not entirely, wiped out. It is impossible to estimate the loss, but it will approximate \$1,000,000 and several thousand people are homeless.

For three weeks the range has been in danger. Forest fires have been burning on all sides of the new mining towns, and only by the greatest effort has the disaster been now averted. Saturday the first snow was received which indicated any serious danger. Up to this time the range towns had fought the fire for the thousands and had so far as possible kept the news of their danger from reaching the outside world, for fear their prospects might be injured.

On Saturday evening General Manager Philbin of the Mesaba and Northern road received advice which convinced him that the danger was imminent, and he went to Virginia to look after the interest of his road which touches most of the mining towns. The fire at that time was all about the village but there was every reason to believe it could be kept under control. Sunday morning a strong wind blew up, and the greater part of the range was doomed. The first news came from General Manager Philbin, who telegraphed at 2 o'clock to President Merritt of the road.

"Men, women and children loaded on cars ready to leave. For God's sake send us aid."

At nearly the same time messages were received from the other large towns. The operator at Mountain Iron telegraphed that the town was burning, and the Duluth and Iron Range operator at Bawabik wired to President Merritt that his road was in danger.

"Goods removed from depot. Good by."

Since that time the wires to Bawabik have been down. The Mesaba office states that their advice is that Bawabik has been saved, but the indications are that the village has shared the fate of Virginia.

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Preparations are being made to care for the sufferers. President Spencer of the council, the acting mayor, has authorized a gift of \$1,000 from the city to purchase the necessities of food, clothing and shelter for the sufferers.

A special meeting of the council and a citizens' meeting have been called. Food and supplies will be offered the suffering people.

**LUMBER TOWN DESTROYED**  
Forest fires along Great Divide range. Throughout Northern Wisconsin. Ashland Wis. June 19—Iron River, a thriving lumber town of over 2,000 people 20 miles from Ashland is in flames. The fire caught in the outskirts from forest fires, destroying the new schoolhouse, Congregational and Roman Catholic churches, and Messy & Hamilton's big warehouse.

The fire started about 5 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock the entire residence portion of the town was in flames. Forest fires have been raging all through northern Wisconsin, and a heavy sweep has been made in and about White River.

The latest advices from Iron River state that the town is gone. A bad fire is also raging at North York.

**Only the Walls Standing**  
CHICAGO, June 19—As a result of a fire early Sunday morning the six-story building at the corner of Washington and Congress street remains but the shell walls of a 350,000 structure, including the debris which represents, all told, a loss of between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. The loss estimated at \$1,000,000. The loss estimated at \$1,000,000. The loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

**TERRORIZED BY BOY ROBBERS**  
Kansas City, June 19—The police do not seem to be able to capture two youthful highway robbers who, Friday night, for the fourth consecutive night, robbed a man.

Several policemen were sent out Thursday and Friday nights without uniforms, but they caught no sign of the youthful robbers, though they operated at 10 o'clock at night in front of Homer Reed's home, near the corner of Fifth and Pennsylvania streets, only three blocks from the scene of the robbery of the night before. In each instance the victims were relieved of all their money and watches.

**THE COWBOY RACE**  
How the Riders Are Getting Along Toward Chicago.

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## RETURNS COMPLETE.

Result of the Election in Germany.

### THE ARMY BILL DEFEATED.

One Hundred and Twenty Against That of a Total of Two Hundred and Fifty—The Bill Was Rejected.

**Berlin, June 19**—The election returns are virtually complete. The result of the election is a victory for the Social Democrats. The bill for the army was defeated by a vote of 120 to 250.

Among the candidates in the 181 new constituencies, the Social Democrats secured 100 seats. The bill for the army was defeated by a vote of 120 to 250.

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## TO THE MOUNTAIN AND OCEAN RESORTS.

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### THE ADVANTAGE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LINES.

The advantage of the Pennsylvania Lines is that they make the most desirable thoroughfares to the ocean resorts. The lines are the most direct and the most comfortable.

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## BARGAIN THERMOMETER.

COOL PRICES.

### WHERE TO BUY.

Where to buy the bargains in fine shoes at France. The bargains are the most desirable and the most comfortable.

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## THE LIMA CLOTHING COMPANY'S Grand Cash Bargain Sale.

WILL SAVE IN CASH TO OUR CUSTOMERS.

33 1/3 Per Cent. 25 Per Cent. 20 Per Cent. 10 Per Cent.

1-3 Reduction. 1-4 Reduction. 1-5 Reduction. 1-10 Reduction.

Straw Hats. Light Colored Staff Hats. Men's Suits and Pants. Hot Weather Clothing, Summer Underwear.

For Men, Boys and Children. Light Colored Alpine Hats. Boys' Suits and Pants. Negligee Shirts at \$1 and over.

Price, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00.

1-3 Off This Week. 1-4 Off This Week. 1-5 Off This Week. 1-10 Off This Week.

67 Cents Pays for a \$1 Purchase. 75 cts. Pays for a \$1.00 Purchase. 80 cents pays for a \$1.00 purchase. 90 cents Pays for a \$1.00 Purchase.

Fourth of July Excursion Rates via Pennsylvania Lines. Excursion tickets at one lowest limited first class fare for round trip, with 100 cents in the form of a coupon, valid for use on the Pennsylvania Lines to any other station on the line.

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